

# MOBILE PET CARE



## Proper Disposal Tips

**Keep wash waters, pest control fluids and animal hair OUT of storm drains!**

One of the main sources of water pollution today is urban runoff. Urban runoff is stormwater that flows through our streets, comes into contact with our homes and businesses, and carries a wide array of pollutants directly to local creeks and San Francisco Bay. Washing, rinsing, pouring or discharging flea control shampoos, fur clippings or soapy wash water from pet care activities into the gutters or storm drains will damage sensitive habitats and kill wildlife.

**Please remember – *Only Rain Down the Storm Drain!*** Allowing any material (liquid or solid) to be dumped into the storm drain, hosed off the pavement into a storm drain or placed where it can be carried to the storm drain by rainwater is an illegal discharge and the individual could face civil and criminal prosecution for each violation.

### ***What to do with flea/tick control shampoos, dips and related pest control fluids?***

Shampoos and dips used for flea/tick and other pest control must be discharged into a sink, toilet, or other drain connected to the sanitary sewer system ó **never** to a street, gutter, parking lot, or storm drain.

- Arrange with your customer to discharge into a toilet or utility sink on their premises, after receiving approval from the local wastewater treatment authority.  
OR
- Empty your pest control fluids into a utility sink or other indoor sewer connection at your home base after receiving authority from your local wastewater treatment authority.

### ***What to do with conditioners, shampoos, and wash waters with NO pest control chemicals?***

- Discharge to the sanitary sewer system following the same directions as above.  
OR
- Arrange with your customer to discharge to their landscaping, if discharging to the sanitary sewer is not feasible and the waste rinse water contains little to no soap. This option is appropriate for disposal of small quantities that can be discharged at a slow rate. However, if the landscaped area contains an underground drainage system, discharge to landscaping may not be a feasible option. Please contact your local clean water program

to confirm that there is no underground drain system connected to the local storm drain system.

***What to do with pet fur/hair trimmings?***

- Filter the wash water before discharging to the sanitary sewer. Fur/excess hair or other solids present in the wash water can cause blockages in the sewer system. Please dispose of filtered material properly.

**Additional important information:**

Improper handling and disposal of materials that creates a discharge to a storm drain is illegal. Both the company and individuals responsible are subject to civil and criminal prosecution.

These guidelines are still applicable even when using cleaning products labeled “**nontoxic**” and “**biodegradable**.” “Nontoxic” means the product is not toxic to the *user*. “Biodegradable” means the product will *eventually* break down.

For more information on proper handling of pet wash waters with and without pest control fluids see [http://www.cleanwaterprogram.com/publications\\_libraryResources.htm](http://www.cleanwaterprogram.com/publications_libraryResources.htm) .

Learn more about urban runoff pollution and the Alameda County Clean Water Program at <http://www.cleanwaterprogram.com/indexFlash.htm>



Alameda Countywide  
Clean Water Program  
A Consortium of Local Agencies

If you are working in the:

The wastewater treatment agency to contact is:

Cities of Alameda, Albany, Berkeley,  
Emeryville, Oakland, or Piedmont

East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) (510) 287-1651

Unincorporated area of Castro Valley

Castro Valley Sanitary District (510) 537-0757

Cities of Dublin or Pleasanton

Dublin-San Ramon Services District (925) 846-0568

Cities of Fremont, Newark, or Union City

Union Sanitary District (510) 477-7500

City of Hayward

City of Hayward (510) 881-7900

City of Livermore

City of Livermore (925) 960-8100

Cities of San Lorenzo, unincorporated  
portions of San Leandro and Hayward

Oro Loma Sanitary District (510) 481-6971

City of San Leandro

City of San Leandro (510) 577-3401

For more information about the clean water program in your area, call 1-510-670-5543.